

REMARKS

The specification of the subject U.S. patent application, as filed, as constituted by the verified translation of PCT/DE2003/002466 has been cancelled in favor of the concurrently presented Substitute Specification. A suitable Abstract of the Disclosure has been added. These changes and additions do not constitute any new matter.

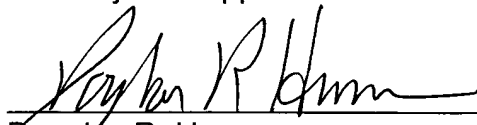
Original claims 1-13 have been cancelled and new claims 14-27 have been added. New claims 14-27 are essentially the same, in scope, as the claims which are now pending in the PCT application. They have been rewritten more in a form in accordance with U.S. practice and eliminating multiple dependencies.

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment into the file of the subject U.S. patent application, prior to the calculation of the filing fee, and prior to an examination of the application on the merits, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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